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| Applicant | : | Norman et al |
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| For | : | DETECTING SPECIAL NUCLEAR MATERIALS IN CONTAINERS USING HIGH-ENERGY GAMMA RAYS EMITTED BY FISSION PRODUCTS |
| Examiner | : | Palabrica |
| Group Art Unit: | : | 3663 |

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 27, 2006 in the above-referenced application, Applicants respectfully request examination on the merits for the amended claims below.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.